MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware of the probable number of men thrown out of employment on this account ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K, C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know the number of climbers that have gone without work ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know whether the Government have made any enquiry as to why the Asiatic and the Scindia Steam Navigation Companies declared the Port of Alleppey closed during the monsoon so far as their vessels were concerned ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Want of shipping facilities.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether shipping facilities have diminished recently ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : How ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : On account of sand accretion.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : Is there any agency to bring to the notice of the Government from time to time the condition of the port, the accessibility for ships and other matters ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, there is the Principal Port Officer.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Did that officer bring the present condition of the port to the notice of Government ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Ezhava Sub-Registrars.

78. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Sub-Registrars in the Registration Department ;

(*b*) the number of Ezhava Sub-Registrars ;

(*c*) when the last appointment of an Ezhava as a Sub-Registrar was made : and

(*d*) the number of appointments as Sub-Registrars made after the last appointment of an Ezhava as a Sub-Registrar ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 76 permanent, 5 temporary and 8 acting.

(*b*) Four.

(*c*) 19-9-1104.

(*d*) 21 permanent, 5 temporary and 8 acting.

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MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether there were Ezhava applicants since an Ezhava Sub-Registrar was last appointed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Fresh applications for Sub-Registrars' posts are not generally considered. Sub-Registrars are ordinarily promoted from among the subordinates of the department, and are not recruited direct.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): I want to know whether there were any Ezhava applicants?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Construction of the Arattuvazhi road.

79. ***MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the Alleppey Municipal Council regarding the construction of the Arattuvazhi road, northern boundary of the Alleppey town, till recently;

(*b*) if so, how many times and with what result;

(*c*) what the length of the Arattuvazhi is and how much of it has been made into a road; and

(*d*) whether they propose to complete it in the near future?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Twice; but the matter was dropped on account of financial stringency.

(*c*) About one mile six furlongs, of which about 1½ furlongs have been surfaced with laterite chips.

(*d*) The completion depends upon the prospect of funds.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I ask whether the people of the locality are not willing to give land free of cost?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): My information is that they are not willing.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether, if land is given free of cost, Government will take up the work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The question will then be considered.

The Thondankulangara-Munro Light Road.

80. ***MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representations were made to the Government regarding the construction of the Thondankulangara-Muro Light road:

(*b*) whether they have issued necessary orders for constructing the road, and whether any preliminary work was begun in connection with that; and

(*c*) why the work was stopped?

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